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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Symposium on systems for information retrieval

The School of Library Science of Western Reserve University, in conjunction with its Center for Documentation and Communication Research, will present on April 15-17, 1957, a demonstration of systems presently in use for the organization, storage, and retrieval of recorded information, together with a symposium on information-handling problems and techniques.

Co-sponsor of these activities is the Council on Documentation Research, a group recently formed by representatives of organizations in government, industry, and education for the stimulation of effective co-operation among those who produce, organize, and use information of all types in all fields.

An outgrowth of the Conference on the Practical Utilization of Recorded Knowledge held in Cleveland in January 1956, this three-day programme will bring together 20 or more information systems devised or adapted by their users to meet specific problems. Machines needed to make the presentations most effective will also be demonstrated, but the emphasis is to be on working systems.

Verner Clapp, Director of the Council on Library Resources recently formed by the Ford Foundation, will discuss the role of foundations in documentation research.

For the three days of the symposium a model information center will be set up on the University campus, and answers to questions asked in Cleveland will be sought in the information resources of co-operating organizations across the country and abroad. In this way both high-speed transmission methods and rapid searching techniques will be shown in operation.

Further information may be obtained from: Jesse H. Shera, Dean, School of Library Science, Western Reserve University, Cleveland 6, Ohio, USA.

MEETINGS HELD

Finnish Association for Documentation

At a meeting held on November 16th, 1956, Prof. E. Wegelius was re-elected Chairman and Mr. T. H. Schoultz Vice-Chairman. Mrs. E. Wartiovaara was elected General Secretary and Mr. T. Holm Second Secretary.

The programme of activities includes a course in documentation with special emphasis on UDC. A joint Nordic investigation with the aim of finding out which place technical libraries occupy in the organization of industrial and business enterprises is being carried out. A guide to technical and business libraries in Finland is being prepared. The tenth Anniversary of the Association will be celebrated in May 1957.

The UDC-section held a meeting on November 17th. Miss Taimi Terä, Librarian of the Helsinki School of Economics was elected Chairman as successor to Mrs. Wartiovaara; Miss A. Linnamo of the Research Institute of the Finnish Pulp and Paper Industries succeeded Miss Jalava as Secretary.

Seminar on documentation

Series A of the Special Seminar Programme of the School of Library Science at Western Reserve University was held in Cleveland during the week of October 29, 1956. The programme is an outgrowth of the Conference on the Practical Utilization of Recorded Knowledge, which convened at Western Reserve University in January 1956. This first series, one of four to be held during the coming months, was devoted to three intensive courses: Machine literature searching, Operations research approach, and Theory of classification.

(L.C. Inf. Bull., Nov. 13, 1956)

MEMBERSHIP

Associate members

The Council has approved an amendment of our Statutes allowing for Associate membership in countries represented by a National Member. Such Associate membership will be conferred on the proposal of the National Member in question and upon decision by the Council.

Associate members are organizations or individuals interested in the objects of the Federation. Individuals shall pay an annual subscription of 25 Dutch guilders, organizations at least 50 Dutch guilders per year. They are entitled to a free subscription to the „Review of Documentation" and „Informations FID" and enjoy a discount of 20% on FID publications sold by the General Secretariat.

Applications should be sent to the National Committee who will forward them to the General Secretariat for approval by the Council.

Applications from countries not represented by a National Committee may be sent directly to the General Secretariat.

A list of National Committees is printed on the cover of the Review of Documentation.

Brazil

The *Biblioteca da Câmara dos Deputados*, Palácio Tiradentes, Rio de Janeiro, became Associate member of FID with the approval of the National Committee and FID Council.

Italy

With the approval of the Italian National Committee and the Council of FID the *Associazione Nazionale Imprese Produttrici e Distributorici di Energia Elettrica (ANIDEL)*, Via Revere 14, Milano, became Associate member of FID.

VISITS RECEIVED

Dr. F. Jakovec of the Légation de Tchéchoslovaquie in The Hague visited the General Secretariat on December 4, 1956, to receive information on national membership.

Mr. J. Guth and **Mr. V. Kadlec** of the Patent Office in Prague, visited the General Secretariat on December 11, 1956, to receive information on the organization of FID with regard to membership of Czechoslovakia.

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Mr. Th. Richter and **Mr. P. W. Lowell** of the Volkswagenwerke GmbH, Wolfsburg, Germany, visited the General Secretariat on December 21, 1956, for information on the classification of management literature, in particular on the Inventory for the principal terms of management prepared by FID/C 65 as a basis for revising UDC sections on management classification.

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UNIVERSAL DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION

Proposals for extension of the UDC

PE 609 (14 December 1956) Comments up to April 14, 1957. Proposal for revision of the forestry classification in concordance with „The Oxford System of Decimal Classification for Forestry". UDC 634.9 is transferred to 634.0

British panel on Control

At a meeting held on November 29, 1956, BSI has set up a new panel BSI/OC/20/4/23 „Control" to develop and further the development and revision of the UDC in this field; with special reference to the work of the international FID panel of which Dr. Mayer is the Rapporteur. Mr .R. A. Fairthorne, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Hants, accepted the Chairmanship of the new panel; Mr. G. A. Lloyd, British Standards Institution, 2 Park Street, London W. 1, will act as Secretary. The other members are: Mr. G. N. J. Beck, Mr. P. Brierley and Dr. Colin Cherry.

The panel will study the following subjetcs: Engineering aspects, mechanical and electrical (machines) with special reference to computor and servo mechanisms (electronic, etc.), Human and biological aspects, Informational, linguistic and semantic aspects.

The next meeting was fixed for January 10, 1957.

FID PUBLICATIONS

2. Deutsche Gesamtausgabe der DK

Die 8. internationale Ausgabe der Dezimalklassifikation, die 2. deutsche Gesamtausgabe des Deutschen Normenausschusses, Berlin, wird nicht in Lieferungen sondern in zwangloser Folge grösserer Abschnitte bearbeitet und herausgegeben werden. Der erste Abschnitt, der Anfang 1957 erscheinen soll, wird die Neufassung der Abteilung 5 sein. Es folgt die Abteilung 62 im Laufe des Jahres 1957. Die neue Deutsche Gesamtausgabe wurde vorläufig unter FID Veröffentlichungsnummer 297 registriert.

Dutch abridged edition

The 8th Dutch abridged edition, registered as FID publ. 296, was published in December 1956, 155 pages. Instead of an index each of the ten main divisions is preceded by a short table to facilitate the search for the right number. The 8th edition incorporates the official extensions up to December 1955 (Extensions and Corrections to the UDC, Series 2 no. 6, July 1956). Available from the Nederlands Instituut voor Documentatie en Registratuur, 6 Willem Witsenplein, The Hague, Netherlands, 15,— Dutch guilders (12,— guilders for members of NIDER).

MISCELLANEOUS

Unesco's technical assistance programme

The heart of the United Nations' technical assistance programme is an organization known as the Technical Assistance Board composed of the executive heads (or their representatives) of the United Nations and of the seven Specialized Agencies participating in the programme.

The technical assistance provided by Unesco, one of the seven specialized agencies, can be summarized under the following headings: Primary and secondary education, Fundamental education, Technical education, Special educational services, Science research, Science teaching, Social sciences and *Scientific documentation services*.

The last item includes aid in the establishment of scientific and technical documentation centres to meet the needs of research institutions, universities and industry. This aid has been rendered in Latin America, the Middle East and Asia.

Assistance is given only on the request of the country concerned and designed for the benefit of the entire population; the government receiving assistance should assume part of the costs. At the beginning of 1956, Unesco's share of the UN programme was set at nearly 16.6% of the total technical assistance budget. The money is used in three ways: by providing experts, by awarding fellowships, or by operating demonstration and training centres. In all Unesco has received nearly 400 requests for technical assistance from 57 countries.

(Condensed from Unesco Information Manual 2 „Technical Assistance. The role of Unesco", Paris, Unesco, 1956, 23 p.)

New classification bulletin

In 1952, a Classification Research Group was formed in London. The aim of the Group has been to review the basic principles of bibliographical classification and information retrieval. It has so far published two statements of its views, the first of these was a brief outline in the Library Association Record 1953, p. 187-188, the second was a longer memorandum „The need for a faceted classification as the basis of all methods of information retrieval", published in the Library Association Record 1955, p. 262-268.

The *Classification Research Group Bulletin* of which the first issue appeared in November 1956, is intended to provide a means of distributing an account of the Group's discussions and conclusions. The first issue contains an account of the work since February 1952 and a few memoranda. Enquiries concerning subscription should be sent to the editor: B. C. Vickery, I.C.I. Ltd., Akers Research Laboratories, The Frythe, Welwyn, Herts, England.

PERSONALIA

Miss Elin Törnudd resigned as Secretary of the Finnish Association for Documentation, to be appointed as Secretary of the Joint Nordic Delegation for Scientific and Technical Research. Miss Törnudd was succeeded by Mrs. Wartiovaara as General Secretary and Mr. Holm as Second Secretary.

CIRCULAR LETTERS

F56-103* (10.12.'56): Unit of subscription of national members raised.

F56-104 (10.12.'56): Revision of statutes re Associate membership (See note under „Membership" in this issue).

F56-105* (10.12.'56): Validation of Associate membership of organizations and individuals in countries represented by a National Committee.

F56-106 (17.12.'56): Index Bibliographicus, covering letter for partial manuscript for Vol. 2 (Social sciences) of the 4th edition (distribution of the manuscript is limited).

F56-107* (17.12.'56): Study Conference on Classification (restricted).

F56-108 (17.12.'56): Editorial Board for the „Review of Documentation", proposed new arrangement.

F56-109 (27.12.'56): Review of Documentation, subscription rates for 1957.

F56-110 (9.1.'57): Cumulative index of circular letters 1956.

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